

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. EVANS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 130.]

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jennett H. McCall, only child of Col. James McCall, of the revolutionary war, having had the same under consideration, submit the following report:

The petitioner is an aged woman, eighty-six years old, and from her infancy has labored under a deformity in her feet. She is the only child and heir of James McCall, known in the history of the revolutionary war, in South Carolina and Georgia, as Colonel James McCall. It appears from the history of Georgia, and from other reliable sources, that he served with distinction and singular bravery in both of these States during a large portion of the war, and was in nearly all the battles which were fought during the invasion and possession by the British army of those States. During the greater part of the time he was only a militia officer, under the command of General Pickens, but it is believed, although no very conclusive evidence of the fact can now be obtained, that when the new organization of the army took place in the fall of 1780 he was appointed to a command in one of the three regiments ordered to be raised in South Carolina as her part of the continental army, as it is said in the history of the times; that he commanded the new levies of that State at the battle of the Cowpens, where Morgan obtained a signal victory over Tarlton.

In his accounts, copies of which have been furnished from the comptroller's office, of South Carolina, he is styled sometimes captain, and sometimes colonel. The latter title was probably a militia title, as the service was performed under General Pickens, a militia general. His rank in the new continental regiment of the State of South Carolina was probably that of a captain. Your committee do not, under the evidence of the facts of the case, feel authorized to give him any higher rank. It appears, satisfactorily, that in the discharge of his military duty he was attacked with the smallpox, of which he died in the year 1781. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the seven years' half pay of her father, she being at the time of his death only eleven years of age, and report a bill for that purpose.

